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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL CRITICISM OF KENNEDY AND DEOMCRATIC

PARTY PUBLISHED, THEN DENIED

1. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. SUMMARY: IN A TAPED INTERVIEW WHICH APPEARED IN LA MANANA ON OCTOBER 9, PRESIDENT MENDEZ TERMED THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, "WITH KENNEDY AT THE HEAD", THE BEST PARTNER SEDITION HAS. MENDEZ WENT ON TO SAY THAT OTHERS WHO HAVE TAKEN IN SUBVERSIVES ARE PAYING DEARLY, MENTIONING ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA, FRANCE AND OTHERS. A LA MANANA SOURCE TOLD USIS' INFORMATION OFFICER THAT COMMENTS ON THE TAPE WERE WERE EVEN STRONGER BUT THAT THE PAPER HAD SOFTENED THEM. FOLLOWING SEIZURE OF THE TAPE BY AUTHORITIES, THE PRESIDENT ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT HIS COMMENTS, AS PRINTED, WERE DIFFERENT FROM HIS PUBLIC DECLARATIONS. LA MANANA WAS ORDERED CLOSED FOR ONE EDITION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. LA MANANA OF OCTOBER 9 PRINTED A BRIEF

INTERVIEW TAPED WITH PRESIDENT MENDEZ THE PREVIOUS DAY AS HE VISITED SAN JOSE ON INAUGURATE A LOCAL EXPOSITION. AFTER SAYING THAT THINGS WERE GOIN WELL, MENDEZ SAID URUGUAY WOULD BE COMING OUT OF ITS DIFFICULT PERIOD EVEN MORE QUICKLY IF IT WERE NOT FOR NEGATIVE FORCES SUCH AS THE PRESSURE OF WILSON FERREIRA AND THOSE INVOLVED IN SEDITION IN GENERAL. CONTINUING, THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT IF HE WERE ASKED WHAT WERE THE BEST PARTNER (SOCIO) SUBVERSIVE HAVE, HE WOULD HAVE TO SAY, "...THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE U.S. WITH KENNEDY AT ITS HEAD. THE KENNEDYS LET ONE WOMAN DIE AND HAVE BEEN PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED ON POPULARITY. THE POLITICIAN THRIVES ON PUBLICITY, EVEN IF IT IS BAD. BUT HE NEED PUBLICITY. LACKING ANY OTHER, THEY (THE KENNEDYS) TURNED TO FIEEL CASTRO WHO REPRESENTS THE COMMUNIST GROUP. BUT THEY WILL PAY DEARLY. ALL COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ADMITTED SUBVERSIVES HAVE PAID DEARLY. PERON IN ARGENTINA. PERON WELCOMED THEM WITH OPEN ARMS...THER IT IS...COLOMBIA ACCEPTED THEM. NOW THEY HAVE A STATE OF SEIGE. PERU TOO THEM IN...UNTIL A LEFTIST MOVEMENT BEGAN AND THEY HAVE HAD TO TAKE A STEP BACK. ECUADOR IS BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH, THANKS TO SEDITION. MEXICO, WHICH RECEIVED THEM WITH OPEN ARMS, IS COMPLETELY UP IN THE AIR. FRANCE IS PAYING. AND WE ARE FIRM. THE PEOPLE ARE WITH US. WE WILL COME OUT AHEAD."

3. ON OCTOBER 10 THE PRESIDENCY ISSUED A STATEMENT DECLARING THAT THE COMMENTS PUBLISHED IN LA MANANA, "...WERE ABSOLUTELY DIFFERENT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE." THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT WAS FOLLOWED BY A DECREE OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR CLOSING LA MANANA FOR ONE EDITION AND THE PAPER FAILED TO APPEAR OCTOBER 11.. END UNCLASSIFIED

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. A LA MANANA SOUCE TOLD THE EMBASSY'S INFORMATION OFFICER THAT MENDEZ' COMMENTS, AS TAPED, HAD BEEN EVEN STRONGR THAN AS PUBLISHED. THE PAPER, WHICH HAD PRINTED SOME VERY STRONG ANTI-U.S. EDITORIALS IN RESPONSE TO THE KOCH AMENDMENT, REPORTEDLY TOOK STILL ANOTHER LIBERTY WITH THE TAPE, CORRECTING A MENDEZ REFERENCE TO KENNEDY AS HEAD OF THE "REPUBLICAN" PARTY. THE PRESIDENT'S WORDS MAY NEVER BE KNOWN AS THE TAPE WAS SEIZED

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